



Linotype machines at the Office of State Printing, circa 1940. These machines have been replaced by computer typesetting methods.

Chapter XII

Legislative Printing

The Office of State Printing

The Office of State Printing handles all legislative printing. The Government Code provides that all state printing, and only state printing, shall be done in the Office of State Printing.¹

The history of the Office of State Printing dates back to early January of 1850, when the second statute of the First Legislature created the office of State Printer—more than eight months before California was admitted into the Union of States. It was the duty of the State Printer “to execute all of the printing and binding of the two branches of the Legislature.”²

From 1850 until 1875, the state’s printing was handled by private concerns, with the State Printer acting as purchasing agent. In March of 1872, legislation providing for the purchase of a site, equipment, and construction of an Office of State Printing was enacted; but in 1874, the Legislature directed that, instead of constructing a new building, a portion of the old Governor’s Mansion in the northeast corner of Capitol Park, at 15th and L Streets, be remodeled to suit the needs of both the Office of State Printing and the State Armory. The mansion, a three-story wooden frame building, was occupied by the printing plant from December of 1875 until the fall of 1923.

Early newspaper accounts reveal that in 1875 the plant had \$14,500 invested in machinery and equipment, and employed a force of 21 men at an annual payroll of less than \$20,000. The first year’s printing amounted to \$53,100.¹⁰

A constitutional amendment in 1884 authorized the printing of textbooks for the public schools at the state plant. In 1912, a constitutional amendment was adopted which provided for free distribution of schoolbooks. Textbooks were printed until 1976, when legislation was passed which dramatically expanded the textbook selection procedure for school districts.³ This allowed for a departure from uniform use of textbooks in districts throughout the state and resulted in individual textbooks being required at such reduced quantities that the printing plant, which by this time no longer provided free distribution of schoolbooks, could not print them at the same level of economy as private publishers.

In 1923, the plant was moved to a new two-story and basement building constructed at a total cost of \$245,000 at 11th and O Streets, about two blocks from the State Capitol. The building covered a quarter of a city block in area, and was equipped with the most up-to-date machinery of its time. In 1932, construction of a \$132,000 three-story and basement addition to the building was necessary to accommodate work requirements.

¹ *Government Code*, Section 14850. See also Sections 14852, 14860.

² *Statutes of 1850*, Chapter 2.

³ *Statutes of 1976*, Chapter 817.

By 1948, the volume of state printing had increased to such an extent that the plant had again outgrown its quarters, and the Legislature appropriated \$400,000 for the acquisition of a new site.⁴ In 1949, the Legislature approved the purchase of 16 acres of land at North Seventh Street and Richards Boulevard, and appropriated \$2,780,000 for the construction and equipment of a modern industrial building.⁵ The new site is approximately four miles northwest of the State Capitol, and is located on a railroad spur track which will accommodate eight freight cars at a time.

Construction of the building, which covers 6½ acres of floorspace, was started in 1952 and completed in 1954, at an approximate cost of \$3,228,000. Its one-story floor plan is so arranged that the work moves from one production section to the next in an orderly flow without backtracking or multiple handling.

At the present time, approximately 400 persons are employed in the printing plant, which operates in three shifts, and produces over \$40 million of state printing annually. The plant, which is the largest state printing plant in the United States, is also one of the largest printing establishments on the Pacific Coast.

The Office of State Printing is supervised by the State Printer, who is an appointee of the Governor.

The Department of General Services has the responsibility of supervising the operations of state printing and binding,⁶ and decides upon the style and manner of printing all laws and other state documents except those printed for the Legislature.⁷

All printing for state agencies is charged to and paid for from their respective funds or appropriations,⁸ and its cost is fixed by the Department of General Services in an amount which will pay for all costs of the printing, including depreciation on plant and equipment.⁹

The Department of General Services has general supervision over the distribution of all public documents and other publications printed for any state agency; and it has custody of all state documents and other publications subject to public distribution, except those printed for the special use of the Legislature, the Governor, or the elective officers of the state.¹⁰ However, the department may accept for distribution or disposal documents and other publications from the Legislature, the Governor, or the elective state officers when requested to do so.¹¹

The department fixes the price and disposes of or sells the documents or publications.¹²

⁴ *Statutes of 1948*, Chapter 23, Item 167.

⁵ *Statutes of 1949*, Chapter 700, Item 372.6b.

⁶ *Government Code*, Section 14853.

⁷ *Government Code*, Section 14854.

⁸ *Government Code*, Section 14865.

⁹ *Government Code*, Section 14866.

¹⁰ *Government Code*, Section 14880.

¹¹ *Government Code*, Section 14881.

¹² *Government Code*, Sections 14880, 14881.

State Printing System

The California Legislature maintains the most complete and sensitive information system of any legislative body in the world. Today's system of formal bill printing, and the many legislative publications that serve to provide complete disclosure of all legislative action, began in 1879.

It was in that year that the State Constitution was changed to require that all bills be printed before action was taken thereon. Previously, the houses had acted on the basis of handwritten copy which was read by the clerk, and it was sometimes noted that the printed statute might not read quite as the legislators thought it did when they passed it.

Over the years the workload of the plant has been increased enormously in the interest of having a better informed public and Legislature. Today's demands include providing, each morning, a record of the previous day's business, and a file of the day's hearings, by 8 a.m.

This volume of material, which on occasion amounts to 3,000 typeset pages in a night, is only possible using the most modern of data-processing and typesetting techniques.

In January of 1972 the Office of State Printing instituted a system of using on-line video data terminals for the input of data to a computerized legislative information system.

Beginning with the 1977-78 Regular Session, the task of inputting bills using this on-line system was transferred to the Office of the Legislative Counsel. The bills and amendments are now composed on video keyboards and stored in a computer system by the Legislative Counsel. When the bill is introduced or amended this text of the bill or amendment is transmitted to the Office of State Printing for publication.

A large general purpose computer is used for the communication and processing of this data. During the session, the data that has been input, using the video keyboards, is accessed in order to rapidly retrieve and amend pending legislation, or update the history of action taken on legislation.

When this information is desired in printed form to meet deadlines of the Legislature, the computer processes magnetic tapes containing all the data required to run a cathode ray tube typesetting device. This method of computerized typesetting allows for completely formatted legislative pages at the rate of 500 per hour ready for platemaking and subsequent printing.

When work has been completed on legislation the same data base is used to produce the printed statutes which become part of California law. The documents that record the activity of a legislative session are compiled in a similar manner.

The Bill Room

The Legislative Bill Room, located in the basement of the restored Capitol, makes available for sale to the general public all books, pamphlets, bills and other publications produced by the Senate and

Assembly. The money derived from the sale of these items is returned to the Legislative Printing Fund to help defray the cost of printing.

The Legislative Bill Room is a part of the Office of State Printing in the Department of General Services. The Bill Room acts as the primary liaison between the Legislature and the Office of State Printing to ensure the printed material needs of the Legislature. These activities center mostly around the distribution of the daily file, history and journal prior to each day's session and the overnight return of newly printed copies of amended legislation to the floor of each house in order to meet the print requirement of the California Constitution.¹³

Some of the services provided through the Bill Room can be quite extensive. For example, any organization or individual can purchase a complete Legislative Publication Service, effective for an entire two year session. This service provides the purchaser with copies of all bills introduced by both houses; all subsequent amended copies; all journals, histories and files; and all indexes and digests published by the Legislature.

On a smaller scale, any member of the public may obtain individual copies of bills or resolutions free of charge by either visiting the public counter in the basement of the Capitol or by telephoning the Bill Room. Each request is limited to a single copy of no more than five bills or publications at a time, with an annual maximum of 100 copies per calendar year.¹⁴ Requests in excess of these limits are provided at a nominal charge.

Number of Copies of Legislative Publications

The number of printed copies of bills, constitutional amendments, joint and concurrent resolutions (in the original as well as in the amended form), daily journals, files, and histories for their respective houses is set by the Chief Clerk of the Assembly and the Secretary of the Senate.

Daily Publications

There are three daily publications printed for each house of the Legislature: the journal, the history, and the file. The copy for these publications is compiled by the clerks of the respective houses, under the supervision of the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly, received by the State Printer after the daily adjournment of the Legislature, and must be printed and available for distribution early the next morning.

The Daily Journal

The State Constitution and the Rules of the Senate and Assembly require each house of the Legislature to publish its proceedings in its journal, and require that upon the request of three members or when

¹³ *Constitution*, Article IV, Section 8(b) (No bill may be passed until the bill with amendments has been printed and distributed to the members). See also, *Assembly Rule 64*; *Senate Rule 29.5*.

¹⁴ *Joint Rule 13*.

ordered by the Speaker or by the Senate that any vote which is taken on the floor of the Legislature be recorded in the journal.¹⁵

The Daily Journal contains an account of the proceedings of each house, the titles of all measures introduced, considered, or acted upon by the house, rollcalls upon all actions requiring a recorded vote, messages from the Governor and the other house, committee reports, motions, acknowledgment of the receipt of all communications, and such other matters as properly come before the respective houses.

Until the 1985–86 Regular Session, the text of all amendments proposed by committees or by individual members on the floor were printed at the end of each day's journal. Beginning with the 1985–86 Regular Session, both the Senate and Assembly decided to terminate this practice. Currently, all amendments are filed with the respective Minute Clerks where they are available, upon request, for inspection or copying by any interested party. These amendments are ultimately inserted at the end of the appropriate day's journal copy and filed with the State Archives, under the direction of the Secretary of State. This practice has reduced the size of the Daily Journals by approximately 50 percent. It is not unusual, however, for the Daily Journal of either house to contain more than 100 pages.

The members' speeches are not taken down in shorthand, nor do they appear in the journals. However, an occasional motion is made that certain oratory be printed verbatim in the journal; the member making the presentation is then requested to reduce it to writing for printing.

In some ways, preparing and printing the Daily Journal may be likened to the publication of a daily metropolitan newspaper. The Minute Clerk records the day's activities in their chronological order, keeping an accurate account of what transpires on the floor while the house is in session, all the while preparing and editing the material for printing without editorial comment. The copy is then rechecked, with special attention given to the true and correct recording of problems of a procedural nature which may have been occasioned by argument or action on the floor. After the Minute Clerk has prepared the copy, it is given to a copyreader, who "marks" it for printing before it is transmitted to the Office of State Printing.

The votes taken in committee on bills, constitutional amendments, joint and concurrent resolutions are published as part of the journals. The committee records are delivered by the secretaries to the Minute Clerks. In the Assembly, these votes are published as a monthly appendix to the journal.¹⁶ The Senate publishes its rollcalls in the body of the journal on a daily basis.¹⁷

The File

For each day of the session, a file is printed, which contains the titles of all measures which have been reported out of committee and

¹⁵ *Constitution*, Article IV, Section 7(b); *Assembly Rule 105*; *Senate Rule 49*.

¹⁶ *Assembly Rule 58.5*.

¹⁷ *Senate Rule 28.7*.

which are to be considered by the Assembly or the Senate, as well as motions to reconsider, notices of intention to withdraw a bill from committee, and concurrences in amendments of the other house which are pending. The items are grouped according to order of business, numbered consecutively, and considered in this order unless special permission is granted to take up an item out of order, or to pass an item on file.¹⁸ The file shows any vote which has been taken on the bill in a committee or by the other house. By referring to these vote totals, a member can tell at a glance whether or not another legislator has opposed the bill previously.

When a bill has been amended in the other house and returned to the house of origin, a summary of the changes made in the bill by the other house is printed in the file.¹⁹

The file also contains a table or listing of all bills and constitutional amendments with their dates of introduction and the 31st day thereafter, in order to facilitate compliance with the provisions of the Constitution; and a list of any bills upon which the 30-day waiting period may have been dispensed with. The Senate and Assembly Files show all bills which have been scheduled for hearing in committees and a listing of the times, places, and bills scheduled for consideration by conference committees in order to provide the public and the members with advance notice of the matters to be heard.²⁰

The History

The third daily publication issued by each house of the Legislature is the history. This publication, as the name implies, is a history of legislation introduced and considered during the session. The Daily History shows the actions on all measures considered each day, with cumulative actions for each succeeding day until the last of the week.

At the close of each week, a Weekly History is published which contains the titles of all measures introduced during the session, together with all actions taken thereon and showing the dates upon which such actions were taken. The names of the members of each house, their committee assignments, the time for committee meetings, and much other information pertinent to the Legislature is contained in these publications.

The Daily and Weekly Histories are now being produced by using computer terminals at the Assembly and Senate Desks. The necessary information is transmitted to the Legislative Counsel's computer system and then relayed to the printing plant. This is another step in the conversion of legislative information to a totally automated system. The automated information (the bills and the histories) can be displayed on terminals in the Capitol, thus providing an additional convenient method of access to supplement the printed volumes.

¹⁸ *Assembly Rule 63; Senate Rule 29.*

¹⁹ *Joint Rule 26.5; Assembly Rule 77.1.*

²⁰ *Joint Rules 62(a), 29.5.*

Bills

All bills, constitutional amendments, and joint and concurrent resolutions must be printed and made available to the members and the public as soon after their introduction or amendment as is possible. Usually the bills are printed and ready for distribution the morning after their introduction.

After printing, the individual bills are arranged in numerical sequence and filed in the Legislative Bill Room, where they are available for distribution to the public.

Complete sets of Assembly and Senate bill books are compiled for any member on request, for the officers of each house, and for the press. The Legislative Bill Room keeps these books up to date with all amendments during the session. Additional sets of up-to-date bill books are maintained in each chamber for ready reference during the daily sessions.

When a bill is amended, the printed amended bills are inserted in the bill books immediately preceding the previous printing of the bill amended. Thus, a complete record of any changes which may have been made in a bill after its introduction is readily available. At the end of the session, the members may retain their sets of bill books if they so desire.

Additional sets of bills are prepared for the Legislative Counsel, other state officers, state agencies, and libraries, as set forth in the Joint Rules.²¹ Amended bills and newly introduced bills are forwarded to these agencies and bill service subscribers each day so that they may keep their sets up to date.

Previous to the adoption of the amendment to the Constitution which eliminated the constitutional recess, thousands of bills were introduced in the closing week of the first part of the session. In 1957, for instance, 3,747, or an average of 749 measures a day, were introduced in the Legislature during the last five days of the January session.

The 1957 session, which adjourned *sine die* on June 12, considered 4,183 Assembly bills, 2,680 Senate bills, and 563 other measures (Assembly and Senate constitutional amendments and concurrent and joint resolutions), making a grand total of 7,426 measures. In the history of the California Legislature, this was the greatest number of measures ever introduced during a single year. In addition to this total, there were 352 Assembly house resolutions and 214 Senate resolutions considered by the Legislature during the 120-day session.

Not only was an all-time high established in the number of bills introduced, but all records were broken in the number of bills amended and the number of type pages handled by the Office of State Printing. It required 33 feet of library shelving to accommodate a copy of the official publications of the 1957 legislative session.

Until 1959 the number of bills that were introduced at each successive general session (odd-numbered years) increased, as is shown on the following chart. The volume of legislation in some respects was necessitated by the fact that all bills had to be

²¹ Joint Rule 13.

introduced within the first 30 days of the session. Members, therefore, would introduce "spot" or "skeleton" bills ("spot" or "skeleton" bills was the name applied to those bills that made no basic change in the law but were merely introduced as vehicles which might be used in the event that the member was required to take care of an urgent situation), as bill introduction was not permitted after the first 30 days of the session. In addition, the Legislature was not permitted to act on bills except the Budget Bill, revenue acts, amendments to city or county charters and acts necessary to provide for the expenses of the session during the even-numbered years. In 1958 an amendment was adopted to the Constitution which removed the time limitation on the introduction of bills during the general session. The chart indicates the drastic reduction wrought by this constitutional provision. However, the chart also indicates that beginning in 1959 the number of bills introduced and the complexity and type of problems confronting a growing state required more and more legislation.

The year 1967 saw the beginning of annual legislative sessions without a restriction as to the type of legislation that could be introduced each year. The new system, however, simply spread out rather than decreased the legislative volume during the two-year periods. The combined two-year totals, that is, 1967-68, 1969-70, etc., greatly surpassed the previous two-year totals for 1963-64 and 1965-66.

One of the major premises underlying the new two-year session was the belief that its adoption would lead to an overall reduction in the total number of measures introduced during the two-year period, as the new session provided for "carryover bills" thus eliminating the necessity for reintroducing bills that do not become law during the first year of the session. In retrospect, this assumption seemed to have been borne out as a total of 7,848 measures were introduced during the first biennium (1973-74) as opposed to 9,621 for the preceding two annual sessions held in 1971 and 1972. The figures for the 1975-76, 1977-78, and 1979-80 Regular Sessions indicate that this trend continued. However, in the 1981-82 Regular Session a total of 6,494 measures were introduced as opposed to a total of 6,092 for the 1979-80 Regular Session. This upward trend continued through the biennial-session peak of 8,125 measures introduced in the 1987-88 Regular Session, although introductions in the most recent years have receded from these levels.

The following chart gives the reader some idea as to the volume of proposed legislation introduced in the California Legislature over the past several decades:

Measures Introduced—1957–1993 ²²

<i>Year</i>	<i>Total measures introduced</i>
1957	7,426
1959	4,805
1961	5,148
1963	5,109
1965	5,517
1967	4,587
1968	3,808
1969	4,447
1970	4,505
1971	5,337
1972	4,284
1973	4,647
1974	3,201
1975	4,331
1976	3,285
1977	3,719
1978	2,977
1979	3,522
1980	2,570
1981	3,886
1982	2,608
1983	3,847
1984	3,160
1985	4,381
1986	3,210
1987	4,715
1988	3,410
1989	4,625
1990	3,267
1991	3,799
1992	2,607
1993	3,911

Other Legislative Publications

In addition to the publications produced by personnel of the Chief Clerk's and Secretary's offices, other legislative documents of significant legal reference and research value to the members, staff and the public are compiled and printed.

Legislative Index and Table of Sections Affected

During the legislative session, Legislative Counsel prepares periodically and publishes a *Legislative Index* and a *Table of Sections Affected*.²³

The *Legislative Index* is an alphabetical subject matter arrangement of the legislation introduced while the *Table of Sections Affected* lists alphabetically, by code, all the sections which are to be added, deleted and amended by proposed legislation.

²² "Measures" include Assembly and Senate bills, constitutional amendments, joint and concurrent resolutions. The totals do not include measures introduced in extraordinary sessions of the Legislature.

²³ *Joint Rule 13.1*.

The combination of the two provides a ready "bill locator" and reference for those searching for a particular bill in an instance in which the searching party knows only that a certain subject matter or code section is involved.

The Summary Digest

Prior to 1973, a *Summary Digest*, including a statutory record of sections affected and subject matter index, was prepared by Legislative Counsel after the adjournment of each regular and extraordinary session.

At present, this publication is printed annually at the end of each year. For example, all the bill and resolution digests for 1993 are printed in one volume and those of 1994 will be printed in another. Together they form the *Summary Digest* for the 1993–94 Regular Session.

The *Digest* consists of a listing, by chapter number, of the digests prepared for and printed on the enrolled bills which provide an abbreviated description of the substance of the bills and resolutions signed by the Governor or filed with the Secretary of State.

This particular document is of great value to attorneys, legislative advocates and an extremely useful source for legal research.

The publication is authorized by and made available to the public at prices set by the Joint Rules Committee.²⁴

The Chapters

After a bill has been passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor it is filed with the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State then assigns the bill a number known as a chapter number. The order in which they are numbered shall be presumed to be the order in which they were signed by the Governor.²⁵ Constitutional amendments, joint and concurrent resolutions are numbered in the order that they are filed with the Secretary of State by the Senate and Assembly Engrossing and Enrolling Clerks.

A separate series of chapter numbers is assigned annually to bills and resolutions. For example, the first bill and resolution filed in 1993 are designated Bill Chapter No. 1 and Resolution Chapter No. 1 of 1993; in 1994 the number systems revert to Bill and Resolution Chapter No. 1 of 1994.²⁶ The combined chapters for both years constitute the Statutes of the 1993–94 session.²⁷

The chaptered bills and resolutions, still retaining their legislative numbers, are printed and made ready for distribution to the members and the public as soon after their filing date as is practicable.

²⁴ *Joint Rule 13.3.*

²⁵ "Chaptering out" is discussed in footnote 89, *supra*, p. 111.

²⁶ *Government Code*, Sections 9510, 9510.5.

²⁷ It has been so often held in this state that it is no longer an open question that the validity of the statute, which had been duly certified, enrolled and approved, and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, cannot be impeached by a resort to the journals of the Legislature, or by extrinsic evidence of any character. *People v. Camp*, 42 Cal. App. 415. (Enrolled Bill Rule).

The following table shows the number of chaptered bills and resolutions of the general sessions in recent years.

Measures Chaptered—1961–1993

<i>Year</i>	<i>Number of bill chapters</i>	<i>Number of resolution chapters</i>
1961	2,282	276
1963	2,169	204
1965	2,070	219
1967	1,725	210
1968	1,474	266
1969	1,619	398
1970	1,628	289
1971	1,821	274
1972	1,442	192
1973	1,218	199
1974	1,545	236
1975	1,280	141
1976	1,487	160
1977	1,261	124
1978	1,432	148
1979	1,207	103
1980	1,381	125
1981	1,186	91
1982	1,644	183
1983	1,327	142
1984	1,760	191
1985	1,607	158
1986	1,521	165
1987	1,504	149
1988	1,647	164
1989	1,467	187
1990	1,707	178
1991	1,231	143
1992	1,374	147
1993	1,307	123

The Statutes

The Legislative Counsel prepares the chapters for their final printing as the statutes of the session. The Senate or Assembly bill number and the names of the authors are removed, and the chapter number only is retained. The chapters are then arranged in numerical sequence, the date of approval or adoption of each act and its effective date are prefixed to its text.

The conversion to the two-year session also required the adoption of different methods of printing the statutes of the session. Prior to 1973, the statutes were printed and bound after the *sine die adjournment* of the regular session; now, they are produced in two segments, one for each year of the biennium, i.e., *Statutes of 1993, 1993–94 Regular Session; Statutes of 1994, 1993–94 Regular Session*. The combination of these volumes contain the official text of bills enacted and the resolutions adopted for the 1993–94 biennium.

At the beginning of each volume of the statutes there must be printed: the State Constitution; the names and places of residence of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the other executive officers of the state, Members and presiding officers of the Senate and the Assembly; the certificate of the Secretary of State showing what acts, or sections or parts of acts of the Legislature are delayed from going into effect by a referendum petition; the Secretary of State's certificate showing the result of all elections upon any initiative or referendum measures within the previous year; and the text of all such initiative measures adopted by the electors.²⁸

The Legislative Handbook

The Legislative Handbook or Manual is prepared by the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly. This manual contains compact, comprehensive statistical data; pictures and biographies of the Members of the Legislature; various election results; and other information deemed to be useful by the Secretary and the Chief Clerk.²⁹

The handbook is used constantly by the members and their staff; it is the only legislative publication that contains the complete text of the standing rules of both houses and the Joint Rules.

The Government Code provides that the manual must be uniform in size and style with similar publications of previous sessions, and must include a list of state officers, Members and Officers of the Senate and Assembly, lists of committees, the rules of each house, the Joint Rules, and any other information deemed by the Secretary and the Chief Clerk to be of use to the Members of the Legislature.³⁰

The distribution of the manual is provided for by the Government Code. The handbooks remaining after the statutory distribution are sold by the Legislative Bill Room at a price determined by the Joint Rules Committee. Such price must be sufficient to cover the cost of printing and binding the manual.³¹

The Constitution

Over the years, the Legislature has maintained a policy of providing citizens, schoolchildren, and students of government with educational material on the government and the Legislature.

Pursuant to this policy, the Senate and the Assembly have made available a limited number of publications on these subjects.

The Senate and Assembly have published and distributed throughout the years a book containing the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California. The book also contains the text of the Magna Carta, the Mayflower Compact, the Declaration of Independence and other basic democratic documents.

²⁸ *Government Code*, Section 9766.

²⁹ *Government Code*, Sections 9740, 9741.

³⁰ *Government Code*, Section 9741.

³¹ *Government Code*, Sections 9742, 9744.

Each edition incorporates any amendments to the constitutions which have been adopted since the publication of the preceding edition.

Both houses also publish and distribute books, pamphlets, and brochures giving information about the state, the Legislature, the Capitol, and the state emblems.

Postsession Publications

After the final adjournment, the staffs of the Secretary and Chief Clerk check the notations on the bills against the entries made in the journals and the histories before they are printed and filed with the Secretary of State as the official records of the legislative session.

Corrected Journals

After the Daily Journals have been printed, the Minute Clerk checks and makes any necessary corrections before resubmitting them for final printing. When the corrected Assembly Journal copy is returned it is signed by the Chief Clerk; similarly, the Secretary signs the Senate Journal.

After these final or "corrected" journals have been approved, they are deposited in the archives maintained by the office of the Secretary of State as the official record of each day's session.

Final Journals

Copies of the corrected journals of each house are collected and bound to provide a permanent record of the session. In the past, this record was quite large. For example, the Journal of the Assembly for the 1983–84 Regular Session consisted of 11 volumes which contained 21,002 pages. Since the 1985 implementation of the practice of not printing the text of amendments to bills, the size of more recent journals has been reduced dramatically; the Journal of the Assembly for the 1989–90 Regular Session filled only six volumes and totalled 10,954 pages.

The Assembly also publishes, in a separate volume, as an appendix to the journal, all the votes taken on bills in the Assembly committees. The Senate publishes their committee votes in the text of their Daily Journal.

Throughout the session, an alphabetical index of the material contained in the journal and an index of Assembly and Senate measures, with the actions taken thereon, is maintained until the final adjournment. The Minute Clerks then check and send these indexes to the printer where they are published and serve as the permanent index for the bound journals.

The Final Histories

The Final Histories contain a complete résumé of all the proposed legislation introduced and any action taken thereon during the biennium.

Prior to 1973, the Final Histories of both the Senate and Assembly were printed in a single volume designated as the Final Calendar;

now, however, the quantity of material reported precludes such a combination. As a result, beginning with the 1973–74 Regular Session, the Final Histories are published in separate Assembly and Senate volumes.

These histories contain the “line actions” (e.g., From committee: “Do pass”); the committee and floor votes taken on the measures; and the final action taken by the house or the Governor up to and including the date of adjournment *sine die*.

The Final Histories contain many useful and informative statistics. Each bill and resolution that has been introduced is listed by author and by the committee to which it was originally referred; summaries of the actions on bills and resolutions that have been passed by both houses and signed by the Governor or filed with the Secretary of State are listed sequentially by chapter and number.

The Final Histories, used in conjunction with the *Summary Digest*, provide a complete record of legislation including: (1) the name of the member or members who introduced it; (2) the subject matter; (3) action taken by the Governor and the Legislature; and, (4) its final disposition.